

APPROVED MINUTES of the Special
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye
held in City Hall on April 17, 2017, at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

KIRSTIN BUCCI
EMILY HURD
JULIE KILLIAN
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN
TERRENCE McCARTNEY
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

JOSEPH A. SACK, Mayor
RICHARD MECCA, Councilmember

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Killian called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Deputy Mayor Killian asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

3. Discussion of the proposed amendments to the Rye City Code regarding telecommunications:

- Local Law Chapter 133, “Noise”, by amending Section §133-4, “Points and method for measuring intensity of sound” to regulate placement and noise of telecommunication devices.
- Local Law Chapter 167, “Streets and Sidewalks”, to add a new Article IV “Placement of Permanent Facilities in the Rights of Way”, Sections §167-66 through §167-71, to regulate placement of devices in the right of way.
- Local Law Chapter 196, “Wireless Telecommunications Facilities”, by amending Sections §196-3 through §196-8, §196-14, §196-17, §196-18, and §196-22 to regulate wireless facilities and structures regarding size, visual impact and permit process.

Deputy Mayor Killian introduced the issue and stated that the application of Crown Castle was submitted April 13, 2016, followed by 23 hours of public hearings, Council community discussions, and other opportunities for community input on Crown Castle and on telecommunications issues. After hearing resident feedback, the Council decided to look at the current Code legislation for future applications.

Councilwoman Hurd identified issues that she felt were most important. She identified the issues of setback requirements, height requirements grandfathering of existing facilities, 6409 modifications, application process, and others.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked about size and the base of structures.

The following issues, comments and concerns were made by the public and discussed at the meeting:

- Ideal Locations for Stealth Facilities
- Noise
- Effect on Private Property – specifically the section of Loudon Woods. The City does not control the ROW on private property. Any carrier/company would need to seek permission for installation from the private property owner.
- Chapter 196.5 Special Use Permit
- Chapter 196.6 Special Use Permit Application
- Chapter 196.17 Recertification – strengthening wording
- Grandfathering in hardware
- 6409 Modifications
- Telecommunications Application Process
- Base Requirements for a Slick Stick/Pole Base
- Legislation for Slick Sticks/Large Poles
- Definitions, in particular Concealment and Stealth
- Emphasis on minimizing visual impacts
- Chapter 196.15 - Public Hearing Required for Special Use Permit

4. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss at the special meeting, Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. D'Andrea
City Clerk